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In re Application of :
Donald P. Munroe et al :
Serial No.: 09/581,252 : PETITION DECISION
Filed: December 4, 2000 :
Attorney Docket No.: P108074-0000 :

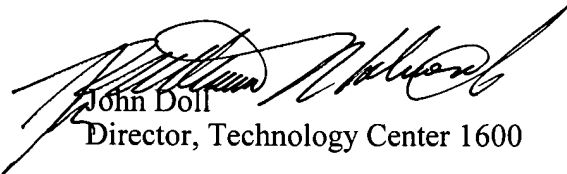
This letter is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed February 1, 2002, seeking withdrawal of abandonment based on non-receipt of an Office action.

A review of the file history shows that the Office mailed a first Office action to applicants requiring sequence compliance on April 20, 2001. The Office action sets no time period for response. Applicants state that the action was not received as evidenced by affidavits and docket records. It is clear that applicants never received the Office action.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**. The Notice of Abandonment is withdrawn as of the mailing date of this decision.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for remailing of the Office action.

Should there be any questions with respect to this decision, please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by mail addressed to: Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, D.C. 20231, or by telephone at (703)308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.


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